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SUBJECT: BFS LINCOLN LECTURER PROGRAM

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1. SOVIET EMBASSY INFORMED DEPT MARCH 10 IT WAS UNABLE
ISSUE VISAS FOR DR. AND MRS. FRANKEL. SOVIET CONSUL INDI-
CATED DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FRANKEL CASE AND DEPART-
MENT'S DELAY IN SEVERAL PENDING SOVIET APPLICATIONS FOR
US VISAS, AND HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED UKHLIN. CONSUL
ALSO SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHY FRANKEL WAS GOING TO SOVIET
UNION, AND RAISED QUESTION RE DEPARTMENT'S LETTER TO
EMBASSY TRANSMITTING FRANKEL VISA APPLICATIONS WHICH MEN-
TIONED "GUEST OF EMBASSY" STATUS AND PARTICIPATION IN
EXCHANGES PROGRAM. CONSUL INDICATED HOWEVER THAT UKHLIN
CASE WAS THE CONTROLLING FACTOR.

2. SINCE VISA ISSUANCE IN DOUBT, FRANKELS HAVE DECIDED,
WITH CU CONCURRENCE, TO FOREGO SOVIET VISIT MARCH 11-14 AND
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TO PROCEED INSTEAD FROM NEW YORK MARCH 14 TO STOCKHOLM AND

HELSINKI FOR LECTURES THERE. IF MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD WISH TO ATTEMPT TO RESCHEDULE VISIT, AND SOVIET VISAS CAN BE ISSUED, FRANKELS COULD ARRIVE LENINGRAD FROM HELSINKI MARCH TWENTYTHREE BY RAIL, SPEND MARCH TWENTYFOUR IN

LENINGRAD, AND MARCH TWENTYFIVE THROUGH TWENTYSEVEN IN MOSCOW, DEPARTING MOSCOW MARCH TWENTYSEVEN OR TWENTYEIGHT.

3. ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE IF PROGRAM SHOULD BE RESCHEDULED SINCE FRANKELS MUST MAKE PLANS. IF VISAS CANNOT BE

ISSUED BY MARCH ELEVEN HERE, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE HELSINKI.

4. DEPT WILL ADVISE RE UKHLIN VISA BUT DOES NOT EXPECT PROMPT RESOLUTION OF CASE. IF MFA CONFIRMS THAT UKHLIN AND FRANKEL CASES ARE LINKED, RESCHEDULING OF FRANKEL VISIT PROBABLY NOT ADVISABLE.

5. WILDAVSKYS DEPARTING WASHINGTON MARCH TEN FOR WARSAW, BELGRADE AND BUCHAREST, BUT WITHOUT SOVIET VISAS. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS WITH MFA AND ADVISE RE PROSPECTS VISA ISSUANCE AT ONE OF ABOVE POSTS. INGERSOLL

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